

Universalist Religion: a traditional Christian perspective - bible references

The Lord's primary essence is Love - His primary motive is to justify rather than to judge: 1Jn 4:8. God's mercy replaces all His judging with victory: Jam 2:13, Mt 12:20. Universal Renewal - God creates all things (all people) new: Rev 21:5. Wherever [and in whomever] sin abounds, grace will superabound: Rom 5:20.

Because the Lord loves all creatures that He makes, then He wills to reconcile all creatures to Himself. Because His will determines all things then He successfully reconciles all to Himself...

The Lord says that He wills to save all AND He says in Isa 46:10 that 'All My counsel shall be confirmed and all My desire will I do.' God creates all - light and darkness, good and evil - both are created in Him and through Him and for Him: Isa 45:7, Lam 3:38-39, Col 1:13-20. Eph 1:11, says that God is operating all in accord with the counsel of His will. God dictates that His creatures will sin (offend Him) and repent (choose God's ideal will and find God's favour): Rom 9:12-24.

God's firstborn sons and the rest of the creation have an immortal future when God subjects all to Himself: Rom 8:19-23,28,31-32, 1Cor 15:22-26,35-36,50-55.

The great open-ended promise of God that, if anyone asks to receive something, they will receive what they are hoping for eventually (even if not when they wanted to receive it), and so, all our good hopes are eventually fulfilled: Mt 7:7-11, Lk 11:5-13.

All will be reconciled with God: Ps 22:27-28, Ps 65:2, Ps 66:3-4, Jer 32:17; Lk 1:34-37, Mk 10:17-27, Acts 3:19-21, Rom 11:13-15, 2Cor 10:5, Col 1:18-20, Rev 21:3-7,24-27, 22:1-3,14-15,17 ...and so evolve into a greater relationship with Him so that God eventually fills all with His love.

All will submit to God's rule: Ps 103:9, Isa 45:22-24. Php 2:9-11 says, 'God highly exalts Him [Jesus], and graces Him with the name that is above every name, that in the name of Jesus every knee should be bowing, celestial and terrestrial and subterranean, and every tongue should be acclaiming that Jesus Christ is Lord, for the glory of God, the Father.' And Rom 10:8-10 says that all who affirm in faith that 'Jesus is Lord' will be saved.

God is giving an unlimited supply of the Holy Spirit. Jn 3:34 reads, '**God is not giving the Spirit by measure.**' In other words God is giving the Holy Spirit fully according to all its immeasurable fullness - although it is common sense to see that the immeasurability of the Spirit comes to people gradually measure by measure - but the promise to those who receive it is immeasurable...

Isaiah 9:6-7 reads, 'A Boy is born to us; a Son is given to us, and the government shall come to be on His shoulder, and His name is called Marvellous, Counsellor of God - the Masterful Father of the Future, Prince of Peace. **To the increase of the government and peace there shall be no end...**'.

Acts 17:30 says, 'God is now charging mankind that, all - everywhere, are to repent, forasmuch as He assigns a day in which He is about to be judging the inhabited earth in righteousness by the Man Whom He specifies, **tendering faith to all, raising Him from among the dead**'.

All become holy: Jn 12:32, Rom 5:18-21, 2Cor 5:14-19. God will give faith in Him to all flesh that exists in the universe: Ps 145:9-10,16-17,21, 150:6, Lk 3:4-6, Isa 40:3-5, Lk 16:16, Rom 11:22-27,32, 1Tim 4:10, Eph 1:9-10.

The righteous in our day are the firstborn saints - we are re-conceived or regenerated by God and we are eventually reborn from God's womb and become firstborn sons of God, like Christ Who is God's Firstborn Son - Ex 4:22, Heb 12:23, Rom 8:23, Jam 1:17-18. The other, later believers on God, who had stubbornly refused to receive faith in Jesus as God's Son - and have been fully punished in hell, these are granted faith in God after losing their soul in the lake of fire, and so, eventually, they become re-conceived and born again by God also, as later-born sons.

God saves all that is lost through His Son Jesus: Lk 19:10. No one will be completely annihilated: Isa 25:6-8, 1Pt 4:6, 2Pt 3:9, 1Cor 5:2-5. Jesus pays the ransom to save all from sin and punishment: 1Tim 2:3-6. And Christ will fill all things (so sin's punishment is not eternal): Eph 4:7-10.

In Jn 1:29, John the Baptist said of Jesus, '**See, the Lamb of God Who is taking away the sin of the world!**'. Jesus' sacrifice, although eventually a ransom for all, is only accepted initially by a small minority. The rest reject Christ and must first lose their souls in the lake of fire: Mt 26:28, Heb 9:28.

The Son of God is paying for all the forgivable sins of everyone: Jn 4:42, Jn 6:33-35,51, 2Cor 5:14-15, 1Tim 2:6, Heb 2:9,14-15, Heb 7:27, 1Jn 2:2, 1Jn 4:14, Isa 53:6.

All forgivable sin has been put on God's Son. The forgivable sins of this world, being carried on Christ, are judged. The only remaining sins to be judged are the sins of neglecting Christ's offer of forgiveness of sins and salvation from sin and the punishment of sin - Jn 12:47-50, Heb 2:2-4. For people who neglect salvation, they must pay for their sins rather than having them forgiven. God is not making full payment through Christ for the sins of those who are refusing Christ's Lordship and forgiveness. Those who are stubborn to Christ are condemned to pay for the unforgiven sins of their life, to the last 'mite' until they cancel out their sin or receive forgiveness: Mt 18:23-35, Lk 12:54-59, Mt 5:20-26.

EONIAN GOSPEL:

The eonian gospel - Rev 14:6, concerns eonian redemption and eonian inheritance - Heb 9:12,15, which means forgiveness and righteous reward during the eons. The eons are now coming to a conclusion - 1Cor 10:11, Heb 9:26. There was a time before the eonian times - 1Cor 2:7, 2Tim 1:9, Tit 1:2. The period of the eons consummates when all remaining sinners become predominantly righteous, becoming saved from their unforgiveness and from paying for their own sins - 1Cor 15:22-26. After the eonian times all the creation is exited from sin and punishment - forever...

THIS EON AND THE NEXT

Mt 24:3 demonstrates that Christ's return is at the end of this present wicked eon. Eph 2:1-2 indicates that this eon ends after Satan is captured. Rev 20-21 shows, that this happens after Christ's reappearing to resurrect the saints and initiate the millennium eon. Php 3:11 and Lk 20:34-36 refer to this first resurrection - of the saints, as the resurrection from out of the dead because the stubborn will be left in death. After Christ's 1000 year reign, the remaining dead are all raised in a second resurrection for a great judgement of all the remaining sinners, condemning them to punishment in hell. That concludes the millennium eon, and immediately after this God makes a new heavens and a new earth which marks the beginning of another eon. During the eons that are left - the concluding eons, all those who are condemned to the lake of fire must pay there for their unforgiven sins. As the eons of the eons are finishing their eonian punishment concludes and they become obedient to God. Mt 12:32 mentioned that speaking against the Holy Spirit was not forgiven in this present eon, nor in the subsequent millennium eon, which means, as Mt 12:3 says, that this sin was not to be forgiven until the end of the millenium and so would have to be completely paid for in hell. Speaking against the Spirit of God may now also be forgiveable in this eon and the next - yet many and various sins may seem to disqualify us to receive forgiveness.

ETERNAL GOSPEL BEYOND THE EONS:

As the final eons conclude, God's love overcomes Satan's kingdom of stubbornness. Those who were condemned to pay for the unforgiven sins of their life, to the last 'mite', pay the full cost. And now with their old rebellion dead and their humility toward God, they become reconciled to God - Col 1:20, and they thirst for the water of life - Rev 21:3-7,22:17, and they hunger for righteousness - Rev 22:14, and they have access to the tree of life which is for their cure and growth. All the old sinful acts of the Adversary are eventually annulled - 1Jn 3:8. In particular, all come to accept God's way of forgiveness. So then, all creatures become blamelessly forgiving and completely forgiven - so that further punishments for sin become needless. So, all punishment fulfils its purpose and death is overcome - dying ceases - 1Cor 15:26, and **all beings are fully preserved** (including Satan) - Rom 11:29. God's eternal gospel deals with this life beyond the eons - in which the endless glory of God is revealed - how, God, having saved everyone from eonian punishment, teaches all creatures to become fully willing to exercise their love - so as to be rewarded with suitable rank, abilities and personal resources, and so become fully mature. So then, **once God has subjected the all into full obedience to Him** - Php 3:21, Heb 2:8, 1Cor 15:24-28, then God becomes the all in everyone - 1Cor 15:24-28, Eph 1:22-23, and from there unfolds the perfect future history of the universe...

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All creatures retain some good qualities and will be salted with fire - Mk 9:49, and will receive applause from God when He comes: 1Cor 4:5. And all will be afraid of God and glorify His name: Rev 15:4.

All earthly Israelis will be eventually saved: Lk 2:10-11, Rom 11:25-26, Heb 8:10-12, Isa 45:25. And those of the nations will be made one body with Israel and so be saved with them: Eph 2:11-16.

Lam 3:31-32 - 'The Lord doesn't [totally] cast [people] off for a complete eon - although He afflicts, yet He will also show compassion [in His judging] according to the abundance of His kindness.' Also Isa 57:16.

However, the bigger perspective is, that we do not need to have a majority consensus on when an eon starts or finishes - it depends on who you are - what the eon contains, and which of the eons you are referring to - which happen to share any given starting and finishing time - according to whoever's sense of time that is which we are using as reference...